Principal’s Message:

Last week was only a short week, but a productive one. It was lovely to see all students back after a two week break feeling refreshed and following our school rules: Be Safe; Be Respectful; and Be Responsible so efficiently. Students have settled beautifully back into school routines.

This week, all classes will send home their ‘What’s Learning at Nebo State School’ Class Newsletter to update you on the key focus curriculum concepts for this term! Weekly Reports will also continue to be sent home to inform you about your child’s efforts with learning and behaviour. This assists to contribute towards consistently keeping you informed and updated about your child’s progress.

Staffing

We have some staffing changes taking place this Term and in 2015. First of all, this Term, as part of our Great Results Guarantee funding we have a new Maths Intervention teacher commencing. Mrs Donna Hounslow – Carracialo will be working at our school on a Tuesday throughout term 4. Donna will be working with the year 2, 4 and year 6 students focusing on mathematical reasoning and problem solving. Donna is an experienced teacher and she has a background in early childhood education and learning support. Donna also works at Victoria Park State School. We will also have Kerry Cook assisting three hours a week as a support Teacher-Aide with our swimming. Kerry has her Surf Lifesaving Bronze Medallion and has had previous experience with supporting children in swimming. On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome Donna and Kerry to the Nebo State School team for Term 4.

This week, we also have our Explicit Instruction Coach Tia Page who will be working with all staff throughout this week to assist them to develop their capability in this area. Explicit Instruction continues to be a Central Queensland Regional priority.

Finally, the biggest news to communicate to you all around staffing, is that this year will be Nicole Gomez’s final year of teaching at Nebo State School. Nicole has been at Nebo State School for three years and has now completed her rural/remote teaching placement. Nicole requested a transfer to head back closer towards her family and friends. Nicole has been successful with her transfer and will commence at Coombabah State School in 2015. Nicole has made excellent contributions towards Nebo State School and she has made a positive difference towards the children she has taught. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Nicole for all her efforts and publicly congratulate Nicole on her transfer. I am sure Nicole will be
a wonderful asset towards Coombabah State School.

Our new replacement teacher for 2015 is Cherie Jones. Cherie is an experienced teacher who has taught for seven years at Yugumbir State School in the Logan region. Cherie was once a student at Valkyrie State School and grew up with her family in the Valkyrie area. Cherie also has family in the area. Cherie requested a transfer to the Central Queensland Region, with a preference for Nebo State School, so she can return home to be closer to her family. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to officially welcome Cherie Jones to the Nebo State School team for 2015. I’m sure that these staffing changes will be a positive outcome for all concerned.

Although Nicole is exiting and Cherie is coming in, no definite arrangements have been made as yet, in terms of what Teacher is teaching what class, what Teacher-Aide will be on what class, and what the breakdown of year levels per class will be? I am in the process of looking at our predicted enrolments and the needs of our school to support our students.

Enrolments
We are now taking enrolments for 2015. If you know of anybody who would like to enrol at Nebo State School for 2015, please let them know to make contact with our school. They are welcome to come and have a look around our school and/or come and have a chat with myself. Alternatively, they can contact Sue in the Office as soon as possible to inform of their intention to enrol. So far, with a new Pre-Preppie commencing this week, we have a whopping 17 Pre-Prep students moving up to Prep in 2015. The quicker we can ascertain predicted enrolments, the quicker we can look at forming classes for 2015.

Swimming
Swimming commences this Monday 13/10/14 across the road at the Nebo Swimming Pool. Miss Amiet sent swimming permission forms home last Friday. Although we swam in Term one and forms were sent home, we require an update on permission and any medical details. If you have not returned these forms for your child if you could please do so as soon as possible! The Prep/Year Ones will be swimming on Monday afternoons; Year 234’s on Wednesday afternoons and Year 567’s on Tuesday afternoons.

Students each week need to bring:
- Appropriate swimming attire
- Goggles
- Swimming Cap
- Towel
- A water proof bag to put their wet things in
- Thongs, to walk to and from the pool

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Open Day
Last Monday, Joy cooper came to parade and invited our school to the QAS open day at the Nebo Ambulance Station, this Thursday 16th of October between 10am and 2pm. Of course all community members are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to view the station and receive some valuable information. There will be a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation. Children who donate a gold coin will receive a sausage sizzle and a popper. All teachers will be taking their classes over to the Open Day. The Pre-Preppies will also attend. If you would like your child to have a sausage and popper, if you could please send a gold coin for your child to donate.

Isaac Council Library and Competition
Just a reminder regarding joining the Nebo Library! During the last week of school all classes visited the Library and students were given forms to take home to join. Of course, there is no obligation, however it is free, and an excellent opportunity for your child to access some fantastic books and resources. If you are wanting your child to join and have not returned your form, could you please return them to the school or
the Nebo Library as soon as possible. If your child has misplaced their form, we have spare ones in our School Office. Just a reminder however; that it is an Isaac Council requirement that parents and/or carers fill in this form if their child is under 13. It is also a requirement that photo identification is shown. If you are interested in joining the Library and are unable to get there, you can photocopy your Licence or Photo I.D and attach with the form for your child to return. Please do not send your original identification with children. We will be looking at taking children to the Library this term. It would be great if as many children as possible were able to borrow books to take home.

The Isaac Council are also holding a Colouring-in Competition as part of ‘Get Ready Week’. The Get Ready Campaign is a state initiative facilitated by both state and local government. The purpose of the campaign is to promote individual preparedness for potential disasters. Get Ready Queensland have a number of useful tips and facts sheets available on their website, for more information on this campaign please visit https://getready.qld.gov.au/

In Preparation for the peak disaster season the Isaac Council are running a ‘Get Ready’ colouring competition. Competition entries are be available as of today (Monday 13/10/14) from Council Offices, libraries and as a digital download from their website.

The prize for the competition is a $20 gift card from Target (for each age category per council division), there is also an incentive of a free activity book (which includes, sticker, puzzles, pop out puppets etc.) available for each child who submits their colouring page.

**Age categories are:** Under 5; 6 – 8; 9 – 11; and 12 – 13.

Competition closes October 31. Entry forms can be handed directly to the school and we will submit them or they can be handed in directly to the council.

Should you have any further questions about the campaign please contact Katie Moran on 0429 087 156 or Technical Officer Emergency Response Rikki Lancaster on 4941 3028 or 0417 674 447 or via email rikki.lancaster@isaac.qld.gov.au

**Art Auction**
The final date for our Art Auction has been decided and will be on Friday the 24th of October commencing at 5.30 pm. All families are being asked to bring a plate to share. All funds raised will be going towards our School Camps’ for this Term.

**School Camp:**
Just a reminder about camp forms and deposits for the Year 3 and Year 567 camps. It is imperative that the forms are returned as soon as possible. The year three camp is only one week away and the year 567 camp is three weeks away. With regards to the forms for the year 567 camp, just to clarify, there were two lots of medical and consent forms sent home. One set of forms are required for the school (for your child to attend the camp and to travel via plane and bus), and the other forms are medical forms required to be sent to Tallebudgera Camp in advance. Please ensure you have filled in all forms and returned them. A $140 deposit for the year 567 camp was due to be paid last Friday. Please pay your deposit as soon as possible. The year three camp is a total of only $80, if you could please pay this amount for your child as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty, please contact either myself or Sue in the Office for a confidential discussion. The deposit can either be brought in to the school office or placed directly into the school’s bank account. Please don’t forget to put your surname as a payment reference

**The details for this are:**
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
BSB: 064-707
Account Number: 00090845
Pupil Free Day – Monday 20.10/14
Just a reminder that it is Pupil Free Day next Monday 20/10/14. All staff will be involved in professional development both in and outside the school. Our Teacher-Aides will be off for training in Mackay around key learning support literacy and numeracy practices. Our Administrative Officer Sue, will be off to Emerald for training in Finance and Facilities, and the Teachers will be receiving professional development at school around the new phases of the Australian Curriculum, and school curriculum planning, assessment, and resources for 2015.

Thank You and Congratulations
Thank you to Miss Amiet for organising our School colour Fun Run last Term. A special thanks to all of our students and our wonderful school community for the support of students to run in this event. I am very pleased to announce that our total amount raised was $2875.40. We had to deduct a total of $948.88 for prizes, $316.29 for the Fun Run organisation’s Administration fees, and a total of $200 for the purchase of the student’s shirts. That left a profit of $1410.23. This is a fantastic outcome for our school. Thanks so much once again to everyone who supported this event. The money raised will go towards some much needed Physical Education resources.

Behaviour
It is always important to remind students of our school rules: ‘Be Safe’, ‘Be Respectful’, and ‘Be Responsible’. If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our whole school behaviour plan, I would love to hear from you. Our School will be having a Discipline audit on 29th October, 2014. This audit will help look at things relative to behaviour that we are doing well and things we need to improve on. The Discipline Audit tool was shared with P & C members last term.

Our behaviour focus this week is:

I am respectful and use kind words towards others

Expression of Interest
If you are ever interested in volunteering your time (class helper, Tuckshop, cooking, gardening) please let your child’s class teacher know. If you also possess skills and attributes and are interested in being considered for any future employment position that may become available at our school (Teacher Aide, Administration, Grounds person, etc.), please submit a Resume to me and/or contact me to let me know of your interest.

Feedback/Open Door Policy
If at any time you have any feedback on how to make our school a better place, or you have any questions or concerns you may wish to discuss, please remember I have an open door policy and I would be more than happy to meet with you.

A message from the Department of Education, Training and Employment for School Newsletter inclusion
Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Nebo State School. To learn respect, children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.
It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

P & C
The P & C will be selling one dozen fresh (frozen) bread rolls from the Bushmans Bakery for $9.50 per dozen. Get in quick so you don’t miss out. The P & C will be holding a Working Bee to help sort and clean out the Tuckshop and big shed. If you are able to assist, this will be held on Sunday 26th of October from 10am onwards. The P & C will also be holding a spooky disco on Friday 31/10/14 at the Nebo Hall. This disco is not a school organised event, it is a P & C Fundraiser. The disco will be held in the Nebo Hall and more information will be sent home by the P & C soon.

Students of the Week

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Kind Regards,

Jennifer Fenwick
TUCKSHOP RESUMES THIS TUESDAY 14/10/14

If you are available to assist in the Tuckshop this Term please see Kassy. Please remember to use the green form when ordering Tuckshop. Everything on the menu is available through both breaks except for ice-creams, which are only available during the second break. Nutella’s, Cupcakes and drinks are available over the counter for both breaks.

**Roster for Term 4:**
- 14/10 – Jodie and Steph
- 21/10 – Louise

**ATTENTION:** New Tuckshop Convenor needed for 2015; however if you are able to start this Term it would be greatly appreciated. For further information on the role of Convenor please contact Kassy Hyde or a member of the P & C. Tuckshop Volunteers are also required for this Term. It would be great to see a few new faces helping out our regular parent helpers.

Mirani State High School will distribute enrolment packages to the Pioneer Valley cluster feeder primary schools during visits in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term (Term 3). Below are the enrolment interviews and orientation day dates for students transitioning to Mirani SHS:

**Enrolment Interviews**
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4 (27th Oct-9th Nov).
- Year 7 (current Year 6) Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4 (17th Nov-30th Nov).

**Orientation Days**
- Year 8 (current Year 7) Wednesday December 3rd
- Year 7 (Current Year 6) Thursday December 4th

Parent information sessions will be held at Mirani State High School at a date yet to be confirmed. The date of these sessions is dependent on the completion of the construction of the new building as the school currently does not have a space large enough to conduct the sessions.

To assist students in making the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 Mirani SHS will be running the following:

**Year 7**
- Year 7 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st:
  - Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.30pm
  - Information session with Administration at 6.15pm
- Year 7 2015 Student Orientation Day: Thursday 4th December

**Year 8**
- Year 8 2015 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday October 21st:
  - Tour of School with School Leaders at 5.00pm
  - Information session with Administration at 5.30pm
- Year 8 2015 Student Orientation Day: Wednesday 3rd December

The **waiting list** for eKindy 2015 is now open. Any families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e. 4 by 30 June 2011), can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. Families will be contacted directly when registrations open. Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the **waiting list form** can be found on
When can my child attend kindergarten?

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KINDY FUNDING
Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost? QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families. QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:
* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements, OR
* identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does), OR
* have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.
QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.
Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.

Thank you to the BMC pathways to Performance Sponsorship program for the opportunity to attend the MECC to see ‘Wombat Stew’!

Thank you to Rio Tinto for their Sponsorship support with Literacy and Numeracy for our school.

Thank you to bhpbilliton (BMC) for their Sponsorship support with Interschool Sport

Thank you to civeo (nee The MAC) for their Sponsorship support with ICT